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REMARKS

Claims 2-12, 14, 15, 17-24, and 26-28 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 13, 16, and 25 were previously canceled.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 2-12, 14, 15, 17-24, 26, and 27.

Claim 28 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over US

Patent No. 6,771,935 B1 to Leggett ("Leggett") in view of Newton's Telecom Dictionary

(9th Edition, 1995) definition of "TDMA." Claim 28 has been canceled by this

amendment.

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request notice to that effect.

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Respectfully submitted,

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